

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus for processing audio visual data made up of video and audio data, said data processing apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving edit procedure data including an edit command specifying how to edit said audio visual data and whether said audio visual data is to be edited synchronously or asynchronously;

analyzing means for analyzing said edit procedure data to recognize whether the edit command is a synchronous or asynchronous edit command in the edit procedure data;

editing means for editing said audio visual data synchronously or asynchronously in accordance with said edit command;

determining means for determining when said edit command specifies an asynchronous command for copying of said audio visual data and for determining when said edit command specifies a synchronous command for editing said audio visual data;

at least one recording/reproducing means having a recording medium for recording audio visual data on or reproducing audio visual data from said recording medium; and

controlling means which, if said edit command is determined to be an asynchronous copy command, then transfers said audio visual data from a copy source formed by ~~one of~~ at least one of said recording/reproducing means ~~for recording or reproducing said audio visual data,~~ to a copy destination formed by either the same or another of said

recording/reproducing means, without synchronizing the two recording/reproducing means and the editing means in operation; and

if said edit command is determined to specify a synchronous editing action, then transfers the unedited audio visual data reproduced from ~~one of~~ said at least one recording/reproducing means to said editing means for the specified synchronous editing action, and transfers the thus-edited audio visual data coming from said editing means to either the same or another of said recording/reproducing means for storage therein, while synchronizing said editing means and the two recording/reproducing means in operation.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one recording/reproducing means is incorporated in the apparatus.

4. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one recording/reproducing means is capable of recording or reproducing said audio visual data to or from a randomly accessible storage medium.

5. (Original) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said edit command is recorded on a storage medium and reproduced therefrom by said at least one recording/reproducing means; and wherein said receiving means receives said edit command reproduced from said storage medium.

6. (Previously Presented) A data processing method for processing audio visual data made up of video and audio data, said data processing method comprising the steps of:

receiving edit procedure data including an edit command specifying how to edit said audio visual data and whether said audio visual data is to be edited synchronously or asynchronously;

analyzing said edit procedure data to recognize whether the edit command is a synchronous or asynchronous edit command in the edit procedure data;

editing said audio visual data synchronously or asynchronously in accordance with said edit command using editing means;

determining when said edit command specifies an asynchronous command for copying of said audio visual data and for determining when said edit command specifies a synchronous command for editing said audio visual data;

if said edit command is determined to be an asynchronous copy command, then transferring said audio visual data from a copy source formed by one of at least one recording/reproducing means for recording or reproducing said audio visual data, to a copy destination formed by either the same or another recording/reproducing means, without synchronizing the two recording/reproducing means and the editing means in operation; and

if said edit command is determined to specify a synchronous editing action, then transferring the unedited audio visual data reproduced from one of said at least one recording/reproducing means to said editing means for the specified synchronous editing action, and transferring the thus-edited audio visual data coming from said editing means to either the same or another recording/reproducing means for storage therein, while synchronizing said editing means and the two recording/reproducing means in operation.

7. (Previously Presented) A program embedded in a computer-readable medium for causing a computer to execute a data processing method for processing audio visual data made up of video and audio data, said data processing method comprising the steps of:

analyzing edit procedure data to recognize whether an edit command included therein is a synchronous or asynchronous edit command;

editing said audio visual data synchronously or asynchronously in accordance with the edit command specifying how to edit said audio visual data, using editing means;

determining when said edit command specifies an asynchronous command for copying of said audio visual data and for determining when said edit command specifies a synchronous command for editing said audio visual data;

if said edit command is determined to be an asynchronous copy command, then transferring said audio visual data from a copy source formed by one of at least one recording/reproducing means for recording or reproducing said audio visual data, to a copy destination formed by either the same or another recording/reproducing means, without synchronizing the two recording/reproducing means and the editing means in operation; and

if said edit command is determined to specify a synchronous editing action, then transferring the unedited audio visual data reproduced from one of said at least one recording/reproducing means to said editing means for the specified synchronous editing action, and transferring the thus-edited audio visual data coming from said editing means to either the same or another recording/reproducing means for storage therein, while synchronizing said editing means and the two recording/reproducing means in operation.